



## TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

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Ron Sumanik, Manager Business Development  
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14 September, 2009

Dear Mr. Sumanik,

**Re.: Proposed Amendments to the Yukon's Oil and Gas Act**

The proposed amendments to the Yukon Oil and Gas Act bring forward a number of issues that Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) would like addressed. Firstly, we consider the timeline afforded to Yukon First Nations for comment to be restrictive. The late summer is a poor time to request comment from Yukon First Nations, as the Yukon Territorial Government (YTG) should be well aware. This timeline has given little opportunity for First Nations to meet to discuss the proposed amendments.

We note that Section 13 of the act may be repealed. TTC is strongly of the position that the removal of this provision from the act would seriously breach the intention of a memorandum of agreement signed in 1997 regarding oil and gas developments in the territories of unsettled Yukon First Nations. While TTC is a settled rather than unsettled First Nation, we object to the removal of this provision from the act. We also would like to express the opinion that the attempt to remove Section 13 without comprehensive consultation with CYFN and affected First Nations is highly objectionable.

TTC has no further objections to the proposed amendments to this legislation.

Sincerely,

**TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL**

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Karl Blattmann  
Lands and Environmental Officer